

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type comprising:
a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and
a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein
said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern, [and]
said emission face having a rough area formed [among]around said light scattering elements such that the light scattering elements and an area surrounding the light scattering elements are roughened, and
said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display including a liquid crystal display panel and a surface light source device of side light type for backlighting the liquid crystal display panel, said surface light source device comprising:
a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and
a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein
said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern, [and]
said emission face having a rough area formed [among]around said light scattering elements such that the light scattering elements and an area surrounding the light scattering elements are roughened, and
said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

7. (TWICE AMENDED) A guide plate of a surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a minor face to provide an incidence end face for introducing light into the guide plate;
and

two major faces to provide an emission face for emitting light and a back face opposite
said emission face, wherein

said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed
according to a predetermined pattern, [and]

said emission face having a rough area formed [among]around said light scattering
elements such that the light scattering elements and an area surrounding the light scattering
elements are roughened, and

said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light
scattering elements.